

Bike Walk Wethersfield

Supporting all safe and healthy bicycling and pedestrian activities in our community!



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Environment Committee

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Dear Members of the Environment Committee,

I am a co-founder of Bike Walk Wethersfield, a volunteer, non-profit group in Wethersfield advocating for safe and healthy bicycling and pedestrian activity in our community. On behalf of Bike Walk Wethersfield, I strongly support HB 5291 being considered today:

SUPPORT HB 5291 - AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDING FOR BIKEWAYS, GREENWAYS AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS

This bill is very important to increasing the pace of available funding for bikeways, greenways and recreational trails.

I believe funding for bikeways would be most effective if it is focused on reducing vehicle miles traveled. Accordingly, I recommend that the bill be modified to include the following concept:

- Prioritize selection of projects likely to replace car trips and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Such prioritization would serve bicyclists and be consistent with the Governor's Executive Order 21-3 to reduce carbon emissions.

I strongly support HB 5291, recommend consideration of the above recommended modification, and urge you to favorably vote the bill out of the Environment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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